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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1833**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-289.05:1, relating to Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program established.*

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-289.05:1 as follows:**

**§ 22.1-289.05:1. *Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program.***

*A. With such funds as may be provided for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act, there is hereby established the Small Family Day Home Provider Incentive Pilot Program whereby funds are provided to the Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead to work in conjunction with public and private partners, including the U.S. Department of Defense, Early Childhood Navigators at the Department, local governing bodies, and nonprofit organizations with experience in supporting childcare providers to become licensed, to*

*1. Cover the cost of hiring a Navigator focused on providing training and support to small family day homes in the region, including weekend training sessions to provide information on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, medication administration, safe sleep practices, emergency planning, recordkeeping, insurance, and compliance with relevant local ordinances; and*

*2. Provide incentive payments of \$500 to any small family day home in the region:*

*a. That is not licensed or voluntarily registered when such home achieves voluntary registration pursuant to § 22.1-289.015;*

*b. That is voluntarily registered or otherwise unlicensed when such home achieves licensure pursuant to § 22.1-289.011; and*

*c. When such home first participates in the Virginia Quality Birth to Five (VQB5) system established pursuant to § 22.1-289.05 and meets the standards to qualify for subsidies under the Virginia Child Care Subsidy Program and the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS program.*

*B. The Ready Region Chesapeake Bay lead shall annually collect and make publicly available data on the number of small family day homes in the region that (i) participated in the weekend trainings provided by the Navigator and (ii) received incentive payments for first achieving voluntary registration or licensure or participating in VQB5.*

**2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2029.**

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